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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF SENATE HEARING ON DCA

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1. SEPT. 17 MILLIYET GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO A NILUFER YALCIN INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR SPARKMAN. YALCIN QUOTES SENATOR SPARKMAN AS HAVING SAID "THE COMMITTEE HAS COMPLETED THE NECESSARY HEARINGS AND HEARD THE TESTIMONIES. IF THERE IS NO NEW INITIATIVE TO FORCE US TO HOLD A SECOND HEARING IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, WE WILL MOST PROBABLY PUT THE AGREEMENT TO THE VOTE AT THE COMMITTEE NEXT TUESDAY (SEPT. 21) AND I

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EXPECT THE RESULT TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE."

2. ACCORDING TO YALCIN, SENATOR SPARKMAN SEES CHANCES OF SENATE APPROVAL OF DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) AS "RATHER HIGH." THE SENATOR, HOWEVER, EXPECTS HOUSE PASSAGE TO BE MORE DIFFICULT BECAUSE ALL REPRESENTATIVES ARE UP FOR RE-ELECTION. HE IS, NONETHELESS, OPTIMISTIC. THE OUTCOME OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, HE SAID, WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON CONGRESSSIONAL PASSAGE OF THE DCA. CONGRESS WOULD RATIFY THE AGREEMENT NO MATTER WHO IS ELECTED PRESIDENT, HE TOLD YALCIN.

3. IN COMMENTING ON THE INTERVIEW, YALCIN WRITES THAT THE SENATE WILL DECIDE ON THE DCA SHORTLY, BUT THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF DCA PASSING THROUGH THE HOUSE UNTIL NEXT YEAR. SHE REFERS TO VIEWS OF SOME OUTSPOKEN CONGRESSMEN WHO BELIEVE THAT WHEN CONGRESS MEETS IN JANUARY 1977, THE GREEK AGREEMENT WILL HAVE BEEN SIGNED AND CONGRESS WILL APPROVE BOTH THETURKISH AND GREEK AGREEMENTS.

4. IN OTHER REPORTING ON THE DCA HEARINGS, THE TURKISH PRESS CARRIED UNDER SECRETARY HABIB'S TESTIMONY AND THE EXCHANGE BETWEEN SENATOR PELL AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ELLSWORTH ON "PERSHING MISSILES" ESSENTIALLY AS REPORTED IN REFTEL AND IN USIS WIRELESS FILE.
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